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A Word to Republicans.

The hope of the party lies in the expansion of a stalwart Republican press. The Republican who reads or otherwise helps to support a Democratic paper is the enemy of one of his own party newspapers in support to the Republican cause.

It is an examination of the prices of tin in Liverpool and the United States during the period of low tariffs shows that the English tin plate manufacturer controlled almost the price of his goods, dictating to the American consumer. The price during these years was lowered or raised in Liverpool at will, and of course the American price had to follow. The McKinley law changed this. The fact that the construction of numbers of plants for the manufacture of tin plates was at once commenced, and that several were put in operation, opened the eyes of the English manufacturer. When the McKinley bill passed Congress McKinley grade tin was selling in Liverpool at \$5.04 per box of 100 pounds. The duty of one cent per pound added \$1.08 to the cost in New York or Philadelphia, and made the total cost, exclusive of freight, \$6.12 per box. The same tin is now selling in Liverpool at \$3.90 per box, and the duty at 2-10 cents per pound, which amounts to \$2.37 and makes the cost in New York or Philadelphia \$5.97 per box. The foreign manufacturer has been compelled by the passage of the McKinley law to reduce the price of his product to so low a rate that with the higher rate of duty the price would be lower than it was under the previous tariff. This is what the Republicans claim would be the result. This has always been the tactics adopted by the foreign manufacturer, as the first effort to stop the development of any manufacturing here.

SPEAKER CRISP still refuses to count a quorum in order to facilitate the public business, declining by reason of absenteeism among Democrats. That is, he refuses to admit that he counts a quorum. But the other day on a rising vote he counted a hundred and fifty-seventy voting. On the vote by tellers, demanded by Mr. REED, and after 182 yeas, the whip, had secured the Capitol, there were found to be only a hundred and forty voting. Cause may learn to count a quorum if he keeps on progressing.

In The Kentucky Journal will kindly point us to the paragraph which says that the labor cost of a ton of steel rails is only \$1.25—much less so previous to that time but an ignorance would believe it—we will take the trouble to enlighten him on the subject. Indeed, he need not go a thousand miles from his own office to ascertain what a silly statement he has fathered. Suppose you inquire of the engineer by one of the Newport train mills. If he has been there only three days, he has learned enough to correct you on this point.

ATTEMPTS

To Burn the Indianapolis Female Prison.

"Let Her Burn!" Shrieked the Girls to the Firemen.

Bed clothing ignited by some of the inmates, some of them during the excitement. Escaping—Second Attempt Made, But Discovers in Time.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., July 15.—Sunday night three separate attempts were made by prisoners in the reform department of the Indiana female prison to burn that institution.

The first came shortly before 6 o'clock by setting fire to a quantity of bedding stored in one of the large closets on the third floor. The dense smoke permeated every quarter, and all the prisoners were turned out into the grounds surrounding the reformatory. Here they were found by the firemen and police, who were hastily summoned.

This fire was put out with small loss. Soon after it was discovered in one of the bed-rooms, some distance away, and a third attempt followed soon after in still another department. The girls greeted the firemen with cries of "let her burn!" and they ran about the grounds wildly insubordinate and determined to burn by mischief. Some few are said to have escaped.

After the danger was checked the firemen and police remained as guards for several hours, and until the insubordination in a measure was under control. At late hour many of the girls were closeted in the corridors and halls shrilly declaring they would not go to bed, and the officers were much disturbed over the outlook. The latter reported that the girls were possessed of a mania to burn the institution, and they lived in constant dread of a recurrence of the disaster which partially destroyed the reformatory four months ago.

PIRATES' WORK.
The captain and six of the crew of a schooner murdered.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 15.—A crew has been brought to Yokohama of a terrible murder and piracy on the high seas. A few months ago the schooner Unifone, of 120 tons, owned by Crawford & Co., of San Francisco, sailed from that port for the South Sea islands, in command of Capt. Castella. The vessel's crew consisted of the captain and eight men.

At Honolulu a man who said he was the mate's brother joined the vessel, and about three days out from Honolulu one of the brothers shot the captain and supercargo. The crew were then plied with poisoned liquor, and made way with, except the steward, who was given a bribe of \$1,000. At one of the islands a new crew of natives was shipped, and the schooner proceeded to Ascension Island. There the steward reported the death of the authorities, who arrested the murderers, and sent them to Manila.

THREE HUNDRED DEATHS
From Cholera in Paris—Epidemic Due to Bad Water.

PARIS, July 15.—Three hundred deaths from cholera have so far been registered by the board of health. Dr. Dujardin expressed his opinion that "the present epidemic is undoubtedly due to the use of polluted Seine water for drinking purposes and living under unhygienic conditions."

He thinks the epidemic is limited, and will not extend beyond St. Denis. That neighborhood had the distinction of being the most infected area, notwithstanding everything was done to arrest the progress of cholera. The other physicians fully corroborated Dr. Dujardin's statement.

All blamed the Seine water and improper hygienic mode of life.

An Electrical Storm.
CINCINNATI, July 15.—The Western Union Co. reports the passage of an electrical storm Saturday morning over a wide area of the country south and west of New York city. For about two hours the presence of unusual electrical conditions had the effect of interrupting communication. At 12 o'clock the disturbance was abated somewhat, and it was evident that the storm was passing on.

A Volcano Destroys Life.
LONDON, July 15.—The steamer Catterthun, which has arrived at Sidney, N. S. W., reports that when she touched at the island of Timor there was a rumour current that the island of Sangli, in the Malay Archipelago, had been destroyed by a volcanic eruption, and that the whole population, comprising 15,000 souls, had perished. The Catterthun steamed for miles through volcanic debris.

Student Commits Suicide.
HUNTSVILLE, Ala., July 15.—Dr. R. B. M. Seacoy, son of Dr. J. T. Seacoy, the leading physician of Tuscaloosa, committed suicide by blowing out his brains. He left a note saying, "I am weary of life and I have no more to live for."

Carnegie's Big Profit.
PITTSBURGH, July 15.—A Sunday paper prints elaborate tables of figures, going to show that the profit on a ton of acid (H. S. steel) in Carnegie's plant in July, 1893, was \$14. On basis of 11 steel the profit is said to be \$16 per ton. Since 1887 the cost of labor steel billets is not given.

Whitney Visits Cleveland.
BOSTON, July 15.—A special from Buzzard's Bay says William C. Whitney and E. C. Benedict were the guests of Mr. Cleveland Sunday. They came from Newport in Mr. Benedict's yacht. The visitors took dinner at Gray Gables, and later went on board the yacht. It could not be ascertained whether the visit had any special significance.

Drowned While Swimming.
CINCINNATI, July 15.—James Donohoe, who is in the river boat, Monday, was seized with cramps and drowned before assistance could reach him.

POWDERLY'S STAND.

He Claims That Pinkerton and Frick Are Guilty of Treason.

SCANTON, Pa., July 15.—General Master Workman Powderly has addressed a letter to President Harrison and another to Gov. Pattison calling attention to the fact that the laws of the United States and of Pennsylvania have been violated by the invasion of the Pinkertons first.

He claims that the Pinkertons first fired. Mr. Powderly says that when the troops were fired upon by the Pinkertons, the functions of the commander-in-chief of the army of the United States in ordering these men into Pennsylvania is a violation of the laws of the United States, and should be punished accordingly, and he therefore asks for an investigation.

Mr. Powderly asserts the constitutional right of the workmen at Homestead to defend themselves against the unauthorized invasion of armed men. Treason to the state, he maintains, has been committed by Mr. Frick and Mr. Pinkerton, who are alone responsible for bringing in the armed men, and he asked that the punishment fixed by the law be meted out to the transgressors.

Another point of Mr. Powderly's is that as the armed men came altogether from outside the state, and no one could not hold them, they could not be sworn in as deputies.

SUN SPOTS.
Which Possess Considerable Scientific Interest.

CHICAGO, July 15.—The active sun spot, which crossed the sun's central meridian on July 13, was the seat of a remarkable phenomenon. A photograph taken about 11:15 o'clock, July 13, showed nothing remarkable in the focus around the spot. A photograph taken about 11:15 (central time) showed, however, an intensely bright hook shaped form extending across the bridge in the spot. In twenty-seven minutes later the brilliant mass had become very complex in form and in 194 it had practically disappeared. This solar phenomenon is a very exceptional one, and it possesses considerable scientific interest, centering chiefly in the question, What effect will be shown in the daily records of terrestrial magnetic disturbances secured at various observatories throughout the world.

A Fast Crime Is the Woods.
YOUNG, Pa., July 15.—Michael Clemens, aged 32 years, found dead in the woods near Pottsville, is a message received here. When found she was on her hands and knees and her dress was on fire. There were two bullet holes in her neck and cuts on her head. She had been out in the woods gathering mushrooms, when she was shot.

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